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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before first line of text, insert --BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--; and line 29, change "budget" to --needed--.

Page 2, lines 22-26, change "To achieve this object, according to the invention a fuel cell system having the features of Claim 1 is proposed. As a result of inventive operation of the fuel cell involving water break-through from the anode compartment into the cathode compartment," to --In a preferred embodiment, the fuel cell system involves passing water through the anode compartment into the cathode compartment,--;

lines 33-34, delete "Further advantageous refinements of the invention are described in the dependent claims"; and